

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
9770 Patuxent Woods Drive, Suite 200  
Columbia, MD 21046  
Monday October 26, 2015 at 4:00 PM  
**Regular Open Board Meeting**

**PERSONS ATTENDING:**

**Board Members:**

Donna Thewes – Board President  
Ann Balcerzak – Board Vice President  
Ray Rankin – Democratic Member (Sub)  
Patrick Mullinix – Republican Member  
Diane Butler – Republican (Sub)

**Absent:**

Mike Molinaro – Board Counsel (Excused)

**Staff:**

Guy C. Mickley – Director  
Charlotte B. Davis – Deputy Director  
Carol Hart – Board Secretary

**Visitors: None**

**OPEN SESSION:** Ms. Thewes, Board President, called the September Open Board Meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. with an established quorum present.

The minutes from the September 21, 2015 Open Meeting were reviewed and accepted by a motion from Patrick Mullinix, with three minor errors, correcting the position of two Board Members and the spelling from Ran Rankin to read Ray Rankin. A second of the motion was expressed by Ray Rankin. By unanimous vote the minutes were accepted.

**UPDATES and CORRESPONDENCE:** Nothing to present.

**PRESIDENT REPORT:** President Thewes had nothing to report to the members. She called for any additional issues Members might want to add to the Agenda. With no new additions, Ms. Thewes turned the meeting over to Director Mickley for updates on the status of the new voting system.

**DIRECTOR REPORT:** (See attached)

In preparation for the new voting system to be implemented for 2016, office staff is conducting Voting Equipment demonstrations at various locations throughout Howard County during the next two months. President Thewes asked for Board Members to select some sites and dates they could attend the demonstrations and assist staff with the voter outreach.

Much information was discussed regarding having a fourth Early Voting site for voters in Howard County. With each member giving their comments, regarding having a fourth voting center, it was decided that the current three Early Voting locations would be sufficient for the 2016 Primary Election. A motion was made by Ray Rankin for Howard County to not have a fourth Early Voting site and a second of the motion was made by Patrick Mullinix. A unanimous vote was expressed by all.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Nothing discussed

**COUNSELOR REPORT:** Counselor Molinaro informed the group that he had a brief correspondence with Attorney Kevin Karpinski regarding the status of the Appeal. He reported that it looks like the Howard County Board was dismissed from the Declaratory Judgement action. Mr. Molinaro informed the group that there were sanctions imposed on the two attorneys, Dyer and Gray, at the Court of Special Appeals level. However, it looks like this case is finished as far as the Board is concerned.

**OLD/UPDATED BUSINESS:** Nothing discussed

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further discussion of any other Reports and no additional business to discuss, President Thewes called for a motion to close the meeting. A motion was made by Ray Rankin to close the Open Board Meeting. A second was expressed by Patrick Mullinix. A unanimous vote was expressed by all.

The Open Board meeting closed at 5:23 p.m.

The next scheduled Open Board Meeting will be on October 26, 2015 at 4:00

Respectfully Submitted,

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G. Carol Hart, Board Secretary

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Donna Thewes, Board President